IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   *

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          v.   *   Case No. TDC-21-0449

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RONALD WATSON   *

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<u>**MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SENTENCING HEARING**</u>

Now comes the Defendant, Ronald Watson, by his attorney, Law Offices of Gerald C. Ruter, P.C., and in furtherance of his Motion for Postponement of Sentencing Hearing states as follows:

1. Mr. Watson is scheduled for sentencing on September 22, 2023.

2. Counsel is unable to communicate with Mr. Watson as outlined in counsel's submission under seal dated September 8, 2023. ECF 101.

3. Counsel will be unable to properly prepare for the sentencing hearing without the full cooperation and input from Mr. Watson.

4. Michael Morgan, the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to this case, objects to this request.

5. Undersigned counsel respectfully requests an alternate date for the sentencing hearing until such time as the matter under seal is resolved.

6.   Counsel did not file his sentencing memorandum on

September 8, 2023, although it was complete and ready for

submission, in the event the Court had received and acted

upon counsel's sealed submission last week. It is

counsel's position that until discharged by the Court, he

is duty bound to continue in his representation. It is

requested that the Court accept the sentencing memorandum

submitted this morning, and in the event new counsel is

appointed, not deny new counsel the opportunity to

supplement or withdraw undersigned counsel's sentencing

memorandum.

   WHEREFORE, it is prayed this Honorable Court grant the

relief requested.

                          Respectfully submitted,

                           /s/ Gerald C. Ruter

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Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of September 2023, a copy of this Motion for Postponement of Sentencing Hearing was served on counsel of record by CM/ECF.

/s/ Gerald C. Ruter

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Gerald C. Ruter